IMPORTANT MEASURES RE-PORTED IN THE SENATE.

dre Cives the Board of Fstimate Centrel fiver Salaries- Another Fixes the Terms of the Mayor and Other Officials It's Square. The Mine's Lill Turned In. Too.

At BANY, April 12 .- The Senate Cities Committee to-day reported a number of broortant bills affecting New York city. The most important was a bill conferring ; on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment power to regulate the salaries of all city officers and all county officers in the counties embraced within the city of ew York. This power is now vested in the Legislature, and each year many bills are introduced providing for increases in

salaries of such officers. Senator White, chairman of the Cities Committee, in reporting the bill, said that it was designed to remedy abuses on the part of New York city and county officers who sought through the Legislature each year to have their salaries raised, and he thought the city authorities much more competent to deal with the subject. The till was advanced to a third reading without

The bill cenfers the general power upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to classify positions and to regulate solaries, except for the positions of day laborers and teachers, exeminers and members of the supervisory staff of the Department of Education. There is a provision in the bill, however, that the salaries in the different beroughs need not be uniform and that in fixing salaries the Board of Estimate may add such additional sums as it may deem cossary, according to its estimate of the cifference in rentals and the expenses of living in the different beroughs.

The Cities Conmittee also reported favorably Mr. Agnew's bill, which has already passed the Assembly, fixing the terms of the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Aldermen and the Borough Presidents of New York city at four years. The original consolidation set provided for a four-year term, which was reduced by the amended Charter to two years. Chairman Odell is said to favor a return to the original p ov sion. Both Senators Elsberg (Rep.) and McCarren (Dem.) asked to have the bill advanced to a third reading. Objection was made by Senator Gardner (Rep.) of Brooklyn, and the bill was sent to the Committee of the

Another in portant bill reported was the measure introduced by Senator Cooper of Brooklyn, at the request of the Comsolttee of Nine, reorganizing the pilce force in New York city. The committee also reported Assemblyman Yale's bill. cleating a retirement fund for New York

Senator McCarren has lost his fight to prevent favorable action by the Senate Cities Committee on Assemblyman Shanahan's bill increasing the number of employees and also the salaries of some of the employees in the Register's office in Kings

The bill was reported from committee this Forning. It took the whole power of the State organization to get the bill out of committee. One of its provisions is an increase in the salary of A fred T. Hobiey, the Resublican leader of the Fifth Assembly distriet, Brookiyn, who is employed as an export in the office. This fact saved the bill. enator McCarren opposed the measure. because a till introduced by him increasing

the number of employ es in the hings County Sheriff's office has been held up in the Assembly Cities Committee by orders from Charles F. Murphy.

After a hard tight the Senate to-day, by a vote of 29 to 13, passed Assemblyman O'Neill's bill directing the State Comptroller to the country of New York city moneys paid by them for taxes under a misinterpreted section of the tax law. The amount involved is about

An effort was made in the Senate to-day An effort was made in the Senate to-day to advance as it came from the Assembly Mr. J. T. Smith's bill standardizing the bond investments of savings banks without amendment. The Senate Banks Committee amended the bill by including the bonds of the Chicago a d Eastern Illinois Kallway Company in the list of bonds in which savings have may invest.

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When the till care up in Corrittee of the Whole to-day. Senator Brackett tiled to have it arrended by eliminating any mention of the farticular roads in whose logds savings banks might invest. This was air ed at not only the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, but the Rock Island road. The rotion to amend was defeated by a vote of 10 to 15. Then Senator Elsterg tried to have the name of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois hairoad eliminated from the till. This motion was also defeated, by a vote of 22 to 15. The bill was then advanced to a third read-The bill was then advanced to a third read-

ing. WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Senator Martin's bill compelling the vestibuling of cars in New York city was practically killed in the Assembly to-day. The Assembly Railroads Committee has refused to report the bill and Assemblyman Tompkins moved to discharge the com-mittee from its further consideration. The motion was defeated by a party vote of

54 noes to 34 ayes.

The Assembly to-day advanced to a third reading Senator Elsberg's three bills which take from the Board of Alderrene of New York city a rights to grant railroad franchises in the future and con for that power upon the Board of Esti-mate and Apportionment. The bills are to be discussed on the order of third reading.

Assemblyman Yale's bill prohibiting tucket shops and tucketing, and Senator Cooper's increasing the New York city school teachers' retirement fund, were also

school teachers' retirement fund, were also advanced to a third reading.

The Assembly passed Senator Keenan's bill adjusting the tack taxes due in the old city of Long Island City.

After some discussion the Assembly advanced to a third reading Senator Armstrong's concurrent resolution permitting the voters to pass upon the proposition to issue bonds to the extent of \$50,000,000 for good roads.

Assemblyman La Fetra's bill giving the

Assemblyman La Fetra's bill giving the New York city Board of Estimate and Apportionment the soleright to acjust and fix calaries in New York city passed the

Assembly.

The Assembly, by a vote of 55 to 21.

refused to pass Assemblyman Phillips's bill making adultery a misdemeanor. Now there is no penalty attached to the offence.

By a vote of 73 to 60, or three less than enough to pass it, the Assembly to-day defeated on final passes Assemblyman Wainwig as till extensing to cities the local option provision of the excise law, which now only applies to towns. In his sanual messign to the Lag-lature Gov.

Historias favore such a menure.

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The bill was changed by the Cities Com-The bill was energed by the titles Committee by eliminating the vice bureau feature it being claimed that the bill would make a cone strated corruption bureau. The committee likewise struck from the bill the provision increasing 'he salary of the Police Commissioner T ere is a likelihood that before the till passes other amendments will be made, but the main features of the bill will remain.

The bill will provide for a uniformed Chief, to be selected by detail from the inspectors by the Commissioner, who will receive \$1,500 additional as hief of the uniformed force. This Chief can be remanded to his former place if he fails to give satisfaction. The bill also creates a senerate hursay of crimpal investigation. give satisfaction. The bill also creates a separate bureau of criminal investigation, which vill be the detective bureau, and also provides for the abolition of the detective regrants. The following letter was sent to the Serate Cities Committee by Commissioner McAdoo:

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of the head of this department in reforming existing abuses and making its machinery more efficient, it will be a serious public loss. I state to you what I have stated to others, that I consider that if we could get at the uniformed thief and the reformation of the detective bureau a great stride would be made in advance. The people would get a better service, the police would be more efficient and the old abuses of the ward man would be abolished.

Assemblyman Shelden, at the request of Jacob Erlich, a large New York city manufacturer and a member of the Citizens' Union, introduced a bill to-day authorizing the Commissioner of Labor to make rules requiring fire drills in factories where on an average twenty-five or more persons are employed. To enforce this provision six additional factory inspectors are to be appointed at a salary of \$1.200 a year each.

The Assembly Railroads Committee has reported favorably Senator Goodsell's bill permitting the New York Central to straighten its tracks at Spuyten Duyvil. The committee decided to give a hearing next Wednesday on the two bills introduced at the request of the Belmont syndicate o e permitting the Steinway tunnel to end at Forty-second street, New York city, and the other permitting the abandonment of presumably unprofitable railroad routes in The Bronx.

FORMED FOR ERIE CANAL WORK.

FORMED FOR ERIE CANAL WORK. Irom Judge Hooker. William Barciay Pars ns in a New Engineering (ompany.

ALBANY, April 12 .- The Empire Engineerng Corporation of New York city was inrporated to-day with a capital of \$1,000,-000 to do a general engineering and con-tracting business. The directors are Edward D. Adams, Lindon W. Bates, Wil-liam Barclay Parsons, Alfred Skitt and William S. Hulse of New York city.

The office of the Empire Engineering Corporation is at 71 Broadway. The incorporators are all New Yorkers, Mr. Bates, ir. Parsons and Mr. Hulse being engineers.

Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hulse being engineers.
Mr. Adams is a director of many corporations, including the West Shore Railroad.
Mr. Skitt is a director of the Interborough.
Mr. Parsons said last night that the company had been incorporated solely to do
the work on two sections of the Erie Canal.
In December six contracts were let for
sections of the new canal. Three of those
contracts went to Mr. Bates. It is understood that the Empire Engineering Corporation will do the work on the contracts
allotted to Mr. Bates. allotted to Mr. Bates.

MURDER SHERIFF IN JAIL. Armed Gang Shoot Him in the Attempt to Free a Prisoner.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 12 .- Masked beyond identification and heavily armed, six men entered the Tate County Jail at Senatobia, Miss., at 2:30 o'clock this morning and shot Sheriff J. F. Poag. He died at

In an ante-mortem statement Sheriff Posg said that the men came to the jail and asked admittance, declaring that they were friends of the Sheriff and came with a prisoner. He was suspicious and refused them admittance until be had armed himself. He then opened the door, when he was confronted by six men. He at once covered them with his p stol and began tiring, when they opened a fusiliade of shots and brought him to the floor.

They came to resoue Jim White, a white man from Tate county, who is in the jail charged with murder in the first degree. They failed in this, but made their escape. Jail guards, hearing the firing, rushed to

Jail guards, hearing the firing, rushed to the assistance of their chief, but came too

OVERWORK CAUSED HIS DEATH

Collapse of an instructor in the Cornell College of Mechanical Engineering. ITHACA, N. Y., April 12.-After working hours each with only an intermission of is in communication with President Roosesix hours for sleep between them, upon veit and that decisive action is expected. six hours for sleep between them, upon some scientific experiments which he was conducting, Ralph G. Young, a graduate of Cornell in the class of 01 and an instructor in the College of Mechanical Engineering, collapsed last Friday and ded to-day in the Cornell infirma y of pneumonia. He was considered one of the brightest and most enthusiastic young men in the Cornell faculty, and it was overenthusiasm for his work that caused his death. Work was suspended to-day in his honor in the mechanical ingineering college and the students accompanied the remains to the station. The agy was sent his death. Work was suspended to-day in his honor in the mechanical engineering college and the students accompanied the remains to the station. The early was sent to Y ung's former home in San Antonio,

\$600 BROOCH LOST.

Mrs. Sidenberg Values It Even Higher Ruby and 40 Diamonds in It.

Mrs. Gustav Sidenberg of 48 West Fiftysixth street went shopping yesterday afternoon. When she got nome she discovered that she had lost a brooch set with a ruby

and forty diamonds.

The loss was reported to the East Fifty-first street station. Mrs. Sidenberg said that nithough the brooch cost but \$600 she valued it much higher for its associa-

Heavy Judgment for Lreach of Contract. A judgment for \$554,680 was entered yesterday in the County Clerk's office in favor of the National Contracting Com-pany and against the Hudson River Water Power Company. The National Contract-ing Company brought suit for breach of contract for the construction of a \$2,000,000 masonry dam across the Hudson River in the townships of M rean and Luzerne, in Saratoga and Warren counties.

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Mount Vernon REPORTS AGAINST HOOKER.

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Six Counts on Which the Assembly Judiciary Committee Is Asked to Recemmend His Dismissal-Judge Hooker Offers No Lvidence in His Defence.

ALBANY, April 12 .- The removal of Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker recommended by former Deputy Attorney-Gmeral Henry B. Coman, as the result of the evidence brught out before the Assembly Judiciary Committee, which has been investigating the charges against Justice Hooker. Mr. Coman, who is the altorney for the committee, La advised the committee to report to the Assembly that it fi ds s flici at go ands fo the p se tatio of a co e great (so tio) asking fo the renoa of J stice Hooker or the cha ge of conduct unbecoming a stice of the Sup eme Cont. This was conmend data blief s ssion of the co. unitt o this mo ning.

Immediately upon the opening of the session John B. Stanchfield announced that Judge Hooker's side would present no evidence in rebuttal. Then Mr. Coman offered as a final piece of evidence a sentence in the affidavit made by Maurice Hooker, Judge Hooker's nephew, which was prepared by Judge Hooker's attorney, Arthur C. Wade of Jamestown.

In that sentence Maurice Hooker swore that he had obtained his appointment to the Fredonia post office as a laborer through the recommendation of his uncle. Young Hooker never performed service and drew pay for three years.

The postmaster who appointed him, Melvin H. Taylor, had said that he appointed young Hooker without any word

Mr. Coman presented his conclusions of fact. Mr. Stanchfield objected to their being given to the public and the committee decided that they should not be made public at present. It is stated, however, that Mr. Coman finds six counts upon which to recommend the removal of Judge Hooker.

These are

1. The appointment of Frank P. Ball as a laborer in the Fredonia post office, not for service there, but to draw pay to liquidate a note of \$3,000 held by Mrs. Hooker.

2. The appointment of Maurice Hooker, who also performed no service, his appointment being secured by Judge Hooker to help the boy through school at the expense of the Federal Government.

3. The appointment to the Fredonia post

pense of the Federal Government.

3. The appointment to the Fredenia post office of Ora Caldwell, Thomas O'Neil and Minerva Jeffrey, all having drawn salary but performed no service.

4. The appointment of Miss Katherine K. Clark to the Fort Plain post office to evade the civil service laws and to have her transferred to the Fort Plain post office. Justice Hooker conducted this cor espondence on Supreme Court note paper.

5. That Judge Hooker exerted his influence with the Fost Office Dapartment to get the rent of the Dunkirk post office building, in which he had an interest, increased from \$1,350 a year to \$2,000 a year.

6. That Judge Hooker entered into a

from \$1,350 a year to \$2,000 a year.
6. That Judge Hooker entered into a conspiracy to defraud the city of Dunkirk of a piece of its own property for the benefit of himself and his partner, State Commissioner Lester F. Stearns, and used his influence as a Judge with another Judge to get an or, arto that effect.

Mr. Coman said in his conclusions of fact that the removal of Judge Hooker was demanded and was imperative, in order to clear the bar and benefit of the property of

demanded and was imperative, in order to clear the bar and bench of any suspicion of not being of a high standard. His conduct had been immoral, said Mr. Coman, and his presence on the bench would tend to submit the administration of justice by him to contempt and disgrace.

To-morrow the attorneys will sum up. They will have seven hours in which to make their argument. After that the committee will de iberate on the report to be made to the Assembly.

VENEZUELA'S REPLY.

While It Is Not Concillatory It Cannot Be

Considered Insolent. Washington, April 12.-It was intimated to-day by Government officers that a de-cision as to the course the Administration intended to pursue in connection with the refusal of Venezuela to arbitrate the asphalt case might be made and announced tofor two periods of forty-eight consecutive | morrow. This indicates that Secretary Taft

ciliatory," it could not be called "insolent," as it was understood to be here at the time it was delivered to Mr. Bowen.

In the communication a pertinent question is asked as to the attitude of the United States toward the "nobility" (integrity) of the Venezuelan courts, which adjudicated the asphalt case. This question, with some appropriate remarks on the subject, made it pain that Venezuela wishes to know whether this Government holds that the courts of that country are corrupt. It is a rather emba rassing question to answer, for while officials seem to be firmly of the belief that the Venezuelan judiciary is entirely under Castro's influence, they would hesitate to say so in a formal communication to the Venezuelan Government, they tene of this part of the Venezuelan delivered.

It is the tone of this part of the Venegue an response which does not please Washington officials and gave rise at first to the impression that the note was "inso-

New York Lawyer in Jail in Guatemala

City for Contempt of Court. WASHINGTON, April 12.-The State Department has instructed the United States Minister to Guatemala to make every effort to obtain relief for Joseph F. Darling, a lawyer of New York city, who for over a month has been in jail in Guatemala city for contempt of court.

Army and Navy Orders. WASHINGTON, April 12 .- These army orders

were issued to-day: Capt. William F. Blauvelt, Paymaster, from further duty in the Pay Department and await Capt. Thomas M. Moody, Sixteenth Infantry, etailed to Pay Department and ordered to At-

Major Henry P. Birmingham, Surgeon, from duty as Chief Surgeon, of Department of Texas to Fort McPherson, relieving Major William W. Gray, Surgeon, ordered to Atlanta, as Calef Surgeon of Department of the Guif.

Major John M. Bannister, Surgeon, to Fort Riley.
Major Henry I. Raymond, Surgeon to Columbus Barracks. Barracks.
Second Lieut Byrd A. Page, transferred from
Second Lieut Byrd A. Page, transferred from
Artillery and assigned to Eleventh Infantry.
The retirement from active service of Brig-Gen.
Samuel W. Founaio and Col. Henry H. Adams,
Fitth Infantry, is announced.
First Lieut Cleveland C. Willeoxon, Ninth Infantry, retired for disability.

These navy orders were issued:
Capt. R. R. Ingersoll, to command the Maryland.
Ensien W. T. Connor, Jr., from the Paul Jones
to the Lawton.
Ensign O. W. Fowler, from the Buffale to home
and wait orders.
Surgeon G. P. Lumsden, from the Minneapolis
to the Olympia.
Surgeon O. D. Norton, from the Olympia to the
Minneapolis.
Ensign J. C. Townsend, from the Oregon to the
Arayat.
Assistant Surgeon H. F. Strine, from the Helena Assistant Surgeon H. F. Strine, from the Helena the Barry.

Degree for John B. McDonald. OTTAWA. Onterio, April 12.-Queen's University at Kingston, Canada, will honor a New Yorker at the annual convocation to be held in a few days. John B. McDon-ald, who built the New York subway, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor



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THE CANAL BUILDERS ADOPT IMPORTANT PLANS.

Double Track and Cheaper Freight Rates Part of the Scheme-They Also Decide to Give Japanese and Chinese Laborers a Chance at the Ditch Digging.

Washington, April 12.—The Executive Committee of the Isthmian Canal Commission met with Secretary Taft to-day, and decisions were reached upon many pending questions. The plea of the diplo-matic representatives of seven South and Central American countries-Guatemala Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia and Nicaragua-For a readjustment of the freight rates on the Panama Railroad, was thoroughly discussed, and the diplomats were called in to aid in reaching a decision.

It was finally decided to conduct the road, which is entirely in the possession of the Government, with three points in view For the transporting of material for the canal work; to increase its capacity commercially as much as possible; and to earn enough from the freight revenues to maintain the road and the steamship line, and, if possible, to pay interest on the \$7,000,000 the Government has invested in the project

With these points in view, it will be possible to make much lower rates, and it is expected

to make much lower rates, and it is expected that the increase in traffic caused by the reduction will increase the volume of business between the wast coast and the United States so much that the actual earnings will decrease but little.

To carry out the plars, discussed to-day it will be necessary to make repairs to the road and furrish it with an entirely new equipment. New engines and cars will be purchased. Those new in use will not be discarded, but will be used for work on the canal. The ordinary box car of the present equipment has a capacity of about ten to twelve tors. The new cars will carry at least thirty-five tors, and the new engines will be capable of pulling a much heavier train than those now in use. The use of heavier rolling stock will of course necessitate much repairing of tracks and bridges. Ultimately the line ac the Isthmus will be double tracked. is the desire of the commission the road as a link between the Pacific and the Atlantic until the canal is fir ished and to make it as important commercially as

possible.
It is the intention to establish a flat rate of much less than \$5 a ton for freight transof much less than \$5 a ton for freight transported across the isthmus. This will mean a reduction of probably 20 per cent. of the cost of transportation from South and Central American ports to New York or to Europe. At presnt, it is cited, the cost of transportation across the Isthmus alone is about \$6 and sometimes as high as \$5 a ton. According to Chief Engineer Wallace the actual cost of moving a ton of freight from one side of the Isthmus to the other is less than \$1.50.

As an experiment a contract will be made for 2.000 Japanese and 2.000 Chinese laborers for work on the canal. These will be sent to the Isthmus as soon as possible for a trial. If the plan works satisfactorily contracts will be made for more of the Oriental workmen.

ntal workmen. The meeting of the executive committee The meeting of the executive committee and Secretary Taft also decided on work for the four members of the commission who were appointed to fill the quota of seven equired by law. Under the plan of reorganization of the commission the work was divided into three departments and three of the members. Mr. Shonts, Judge Magoon and Mr. Wallace were each made the head of a department. Practically no duties remained for the four other members.

other members.

It was decided to-day that those members, Major Ernst, Mr. Harrod, Rear Admiral Endicott and Brig. Gen. Haines, all engineers, shall constitute a board to pass on engineering questions which may arise during the construction of the canal. No further selections of members of the consulting board of engineers, which will consulting board of engineers, which will have three foreigners in its personnel.

were made were made.

It is said that M. Bunau-Varilla, the first diplomatic representative from Panama to the United States, and who participated in the negotiations for the purchase of the oanal property, will submit to the consulting board a plan for building the canal. It has been said that M. mit to the consulting board a planfor building the canal. It has been said that M. Bunau-Varilla contends that by his plan the canal can be completed in four years. The Washington offices of the commission are to be placed under the supervision of Col. Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, who will, however, remain at the head of the insular bureau.

WASHINGTON, April 12.- The monitor Wyoming has arrived at Panama, the gunboat Topeka at Hampton Roads and the destrover Brebie at Mare Island. The cruiser Cincinnati has sailed from Chemulpo for Shanghai, the cruiser Maible-head from Panama for Co into, the cruiser Boston from Mare Island for Honolulu and the collier Marcellus from Monte Cristi for Lambert's Point.



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The value of provisions exporte in the nine months was \$142,772,087, a comparative nine months was \$142,772,087, a comparative decrease of \$10,650,914, and of cotton, \$306,-430,892, a decrease of \$23,616,594.

In the latter case the loss was due to the lower price for cotton, which averaged for the rine months 8.9 cents per pound, against an average of 11 cents the last year, while in volume there was an increase of 1,175,824 bales in a total of 6,572,543 bales.

Lieut.-Cel. Davis Retired as a Brigadier WASHINGTON, April 12.-Lieut.-Col. Edward Davis, Artillery Corrs, attached to the Military Secretary's office, was retired to-day with the advanced rank of Brigadier-General. Gen. Davis is a native of Kentucky and served in the civil war as a Second Lieu-tenant in the Fifth Kentucky Cavalry until October, 1863, when he was appointed a cadet to West Point. During the Spanish war he served on the staff of Gen. Miles. He was then made Major and Assistant Adjutant-General of the Volunteer forces. He reached the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in Japuary. 1904.

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